

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0673

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR US LA VN UR  
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL  
COMMISSION VISIT TO LAOS

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR PODOLSKI, ACCOMPANIED BY A RUSSIAN  
EMBASSY INTERPRETER, CALLED ON ME APRIL 1 TO ASK ABOUT  
THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION'S VISIT TO LAOS. HE SAID  
THE LA HAD ALREADY BRIEFED HIM ON IT.

2. I REVIEWED WITH IM AND GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE  
EXCERPT FROM THE WIRELESS FILE OF MARCH 23 ON THE  
COMMISSION'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. PODOLSKI ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S.  
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LAOS. I REVIEWED WITH HIM THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING THE DEPARTURE OF USAID FROM  
LAOS IN 1975, AND CURRENT U.S. LEGISLATION PRECLUDING  
AID TO LAOS, CAMBODIA, AND VIETNAM. I ALSO MENTIONED THE U.S.  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUNDS OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL  
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ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD PROGRAMS IN LAOS AND NOTED THE  
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON POSSIBLE  
ACTION TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE AMERICAN GROUPS TO INCREASE  
HUMANITARIAN AID PROGRAMS TO INDOCHINA.

4. PODOLSKI WAS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND SAID HE WAS  
PLANNING AT AN EARLY DATE TO PUT ON A SHOWING OF WHAT

HE DESCRIBED AS A JOINT AMERICAN-SOVIET MOVE PRODUCTION OF A FILM BASED ON MAETERLINCK'S "BLUEBIRD". HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO HAVE GOOD OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE, AND I SAID I WOULD RECIPROCATE.  
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